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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Anna Marie Pyle and Eckhard Jankowsky

Serial No. : 09/492,954 Examiner: J.A. Goldberg

Filed : January 27, 2000 Group Art Unit: 1634

For : ASSAYS FOR EVALUATING THE FUNCTION OF RNA HELICASES

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**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Final Office Action issued on September 23, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 23, 2005 Final Office Action was originally due December 23, 2005. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from December 23, 2005 to March 23, 2006 for responding to the September 23, 2005 Final Office Action in order to file a Notice of Appeal for the above-identified application. The fee for the extension of time is \$510.00, and a check for that amount is enclosed. Accordingly, the subject application is pending on March 23, 2006 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$510.00 fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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